# Integrated Care History & Policy Proposals

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### Integrated Care Overview

- Member and system benefits of integrated care
- History of practice transformation in Colorado
- Future needs and policy opportunities

### Integrated Care: Benefits

Different models work for different populations.

- Member convenience w/ one-stop shopping
- Increased member and provider satisfaction
- 93% of practices that were accepted into the SIM program completed the initiative
- Depression treatment associated with relief from symptoms, improved physical health & quality of life

Providers reported that patient experiences improved in

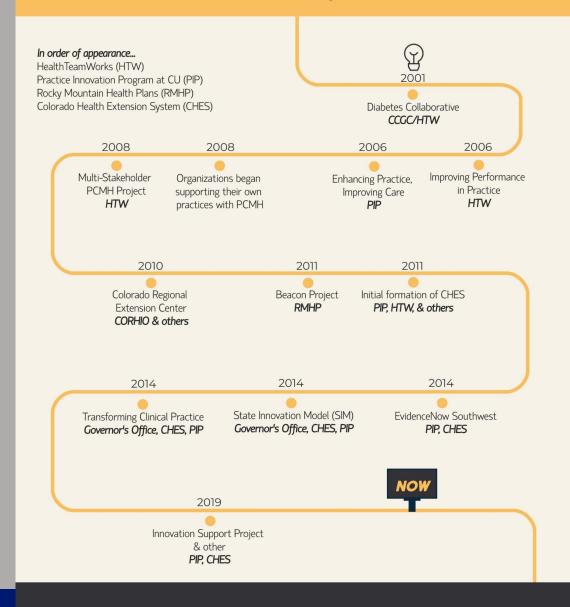
- → increased access to visits and support
- → increased and improved BH referrals
- better team collaboration
- continuity of care with warm handoffs
- → greater availability of comprehensive care for pain management or trauma-informed care

### Integrated Care: Savings

- Estimates for typical cost savings for successfully integrating medical and behavioral health care range from 5-10% of the total health care costs over a period of 2-4 years
- Care integration has been shown to be successful in other contexts: in an North Carolina Medicaid program, ED visits decreased 4%
- Other potential cost and utilization benefits in Medicaid programs that have implemented integrated care include: a reduction in emergency department visits, lower rates of 30-day hospital readmissions for mental health conditions, decreased admissions

#### PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION

Colorado History

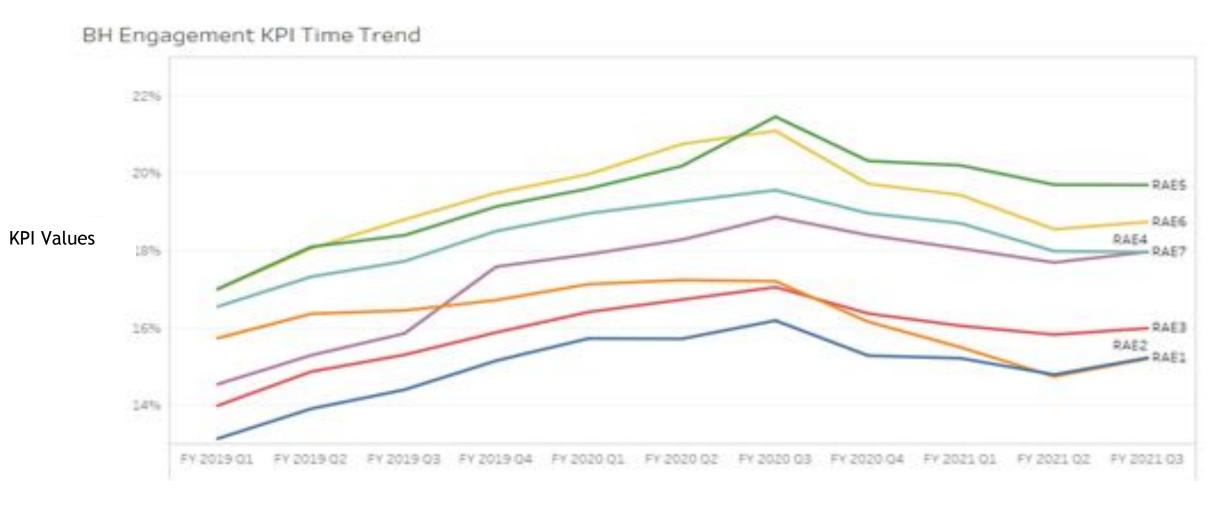


### RAEs and Integration

- ACC Phase I behavioral health (BH) and physical health administrative efforts separate
- ACC Phase II BH and physical health administration coordinated under the RAE
  - helps with clinical and financial alignment

Goals: Comprehensive, whole-person care and appropriate access

### BH Engagement Over Time



### SIM History: Purpose

- The Colorado State Innovation Model, or SIM, was founded on the core belief that the integration of physical and behavioral health is central to successful and sustainable health care reform.
- Colorado was awarded up to \$65 million by CMS in Dec. 2014
- Goal of Colorado SIM: "To improve the health of Coloradans by increasing access to integrated physical and behavioral health services, in coordinated systems through value-based payment structures, for 80% of state residents..."

### SIM History: Pillars

to integrated care in coordinated systems supported by value-based payment

#### Payment Reform

Development and implementation of value-based payment models that incentive integration and improve quality of care.

#### Practice Transformation

Support for practices as they accept new payment models and integrate behavioral and physical healthcare.

#### Population Health

Engaging communities in prevention, education, and improving access to integrated care.

#### HIT

Secure and efficient use of technology across health and non-health sectors in order to advance integration and improving health.

Consumer Engagement

Policy

Workforce

Evaluation



#### SIM History: Key Activities for Practice Transformation

#### **Avenues for Supporting Practice Transformation**

Practice facilitation & technical assistance



Access to capital



Business consultation



#### **Key SIM Activities**

Established Bi-Directional Health Homes at four Community Mental Health Centers Supported 319 Primary Care Practices in three practice transformation cohorts\*

Established a small grants program Provided business consultation support

Convened 14 Collaborative Learning Sessions

#### Major Accomplishments

- SUPPORT FOR 319 PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES: SIM supported 319 primary care practices throughout
  Colorado with practice facilitation, technical assistance and business consultation in order to help them further integrate behavioral health services and success with value-based payments.
- 2. BI-DIRECTIONAL HEALTH HOMES: SIM supported four Community Mental Health Centers to provide patients with improved access to primary care. Bi-Directional Health Home sites saw an improvement in scores on the Integrated Practice Assessment Tool.
- 3. SMALL GRANTS TO PRACTICES: In partnership with the Colorado Health Foundation, SIM provided 107 primary care practices with small grants, ranging from \$2,000 to \$40,000, in order to advance integration.
- 4. COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SESSIONS: SIM supported 14 Collaborative Learning Sessions that were attended by over 3,000 individuals representing primary care practices, Community Mental Health Centers, Regional Health Connectors and other key stakeholders.

## What is the next phase of practice transformation and integrated care?

- Consider how the landscape has changed
  - Telehealth, value-based payments, six BH visits in primary care
- Continue investment in practice transformation
  - Greater emphasis on SUD services & SDOH
- Financial alignment
  - Alternative payment models, aligned quality metrics, etc.

### Opportunities

- Practice Transformation Grants: Create a small grants program for health care providers (roughly \$50-200k) to be used as seed funding for providers to integrate physical and behavioral health care. These grants could support workforce development, infrastructure, HIT investment, community engagement, and/or business development.
- Payer Transformation Grants: Create a grant program for health care payers (roughly \$1-2M) to be used to incentivize payers to transition their business models to alternative payment models that better sustain integrated practices. These grants could support infrastructure, HIT investment, business analysis and development, and/or workforce training.
- Connecting Patients to Social Services: invest in methods that assisted care teams in identifying and connecting patients to resources that help meet patient needs
- HIT Investments: connect remaining providers to the health information exchanges and technology systems that support integrated care models



